

MR. K. VARUGHESE ITHAC : May I know whether the Chief Engineer is aware of the difficulties of the boat owners in loading and unloading at the place?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : The main trouble is due to the local opposition. Until the question is settled, we are unable to proceed.

MR. P. O. THOMAS : If there is any dispute, is it not the duty of Government to decide it one way or another?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : Government can, but we would rather like the local people to come to some agreement between themselves.

Vaikom-Tirumanivenkitapuram Road.

75 ***MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the neglected condition of the Vaikom-Tirumanivenkitapuram road and the consequent distress to pedestrian traffic ;

(b) whether they are aware that the people of Vetchoor are badly in need of a road from the Vaikom-Vetchoor line to Tirumanivenkitapuram ferry ; and

(c) whether they are aware that Tirumanivenkitapuram is a traffic ganglion with routes to Shertalai, Alleppey and Ernakulam ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (a) No, the road is not in a neglected condition.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

Kalithattu at Adoor.

76 ***MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether repeated requests have been made by the public, Kunnattur Taluk that the Kalithattu in the heart of the town be removed, it being haunted by beggars suffering from contagious diseases; and

(b) what step has hitherto been taken ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (a) Yes, one representation.

(b) Government have ordered the structure being repaired.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : On a point of order, Sir. In the reply to Mr. Nilakantan's question No. 76 it is stated.

PRESIDENT : But the question has not been reached. The honourable member is putting a supplementary question and then you can raise the point of order.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN : May I know from the Government the year in which the representations were made and the persons who made those representations ?

MR K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: The question is

"whether repeated requests have been made by the public of Kunnattur taluk that the Kalithattu in the heart of the town be removed, it being haunted by beggars suffering from contagious diseases."

The answer is (a) Yes, one representation (b) Government have ordered the structure being repaired.

Is that the kind of answer that the question should get?

PRESIDENT: Why, what is the difficulty? In the first place, repeated requests have not been made, because the answer is that one representation has been made. Secondly the step taken by Government in the matter has been stated. What is the difficulty?

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: It is stated that the place is being haunted by beggars. How is the repairing going to improve the situation? It will only conduce to more beggars gathering there.

PRESIDENT: But how is it a point of order? A point of order arises only if a question or an answer does not conform to the rules of procedure. What is the rule of procedure infringed by the question or the answer?

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: It is a kind of answer which infringes upon the right of members in getting proper answers.

PRESIDENT: No, it is not a point of order. Supposing as a result of repeated representations, Government passed a wrong order and repairs the construction instead of removing it. It may be a mistake of the Government in repairing it instead of removing it. But how is the answer to the question, a point of order. I do not understand that. You might, for instance, say in your general observations that this kind of dealing with important questions shows the callousness of Government. But it is not a point of order.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the reasons which weighed with the Government to order that this structure may be repaired when the representations conveyed to Government the necessity for its removal.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There was the question of a memorial involved in the matter. On enquiry Government thought it better to repair it.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government whether they are aware that the request contained in the written representations was with regard to the removal of the structure?

PRESIDENT: I suppose the idea was that if a compound wall is put up with a door to it, it ought to be some hindrance to the beggars from straying in. It is only in open places that beggars congregate.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether instructions have been issued to the officers concerned to see that beggars do not haunt this place?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: As soon as the construction is completed beggars will be prevented from entering the compound.